

# RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

## **Housekeeping**

Leaders can share Hope happenings and any future Home Group plans.

## **Conversation Starter**

Share a time when you were so disappointed in a project you just gave up.

## **Read the Text**

Read Haggai 2:1-9 together. *Perhaps even read it a few times, giving space between each reading for people to write down reactions/comforts/challenges from God. Ask the question each time: "Why God are you telling me this today?" Allow God's living Word to speak to you.*

## **Prayer**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## **Discussion**

1/ Read Ezra 3:10-13. Why were there equal parts joy and sadness? Can you relate to them these days, especially as you think about church?

2/ In Haggai 2:3 God admits that things don't look good. How could God's candor here be comforting to you?

3/ In v. 4 God says "yet now..." Yet now what? Discuss what God is telling them to do. We are not to build a literal temple, but how might these words might apply to us today? Read Ephesians 4:12-16 for a New Testament parallel.

4/ God gives many rousing commands in this passage. But spend some time discovering and discussing God's statements of grace and commitment. How does the command to "work" relate to God's assurances in this passage? Is God *works-based* here? If not, what?

5/ Pick one of God's assurances from this passage and decide to meditate on it this week. Share the assurance you picked with others.

6/ How is Jesus the true and perfect fulfillment of this bigger and better temple in vv. 7-9? What is the significance of "all nations shall come in" (read Revelation 21:22ff)? How does this make you worship Jesus?

## **Time of Prayer**